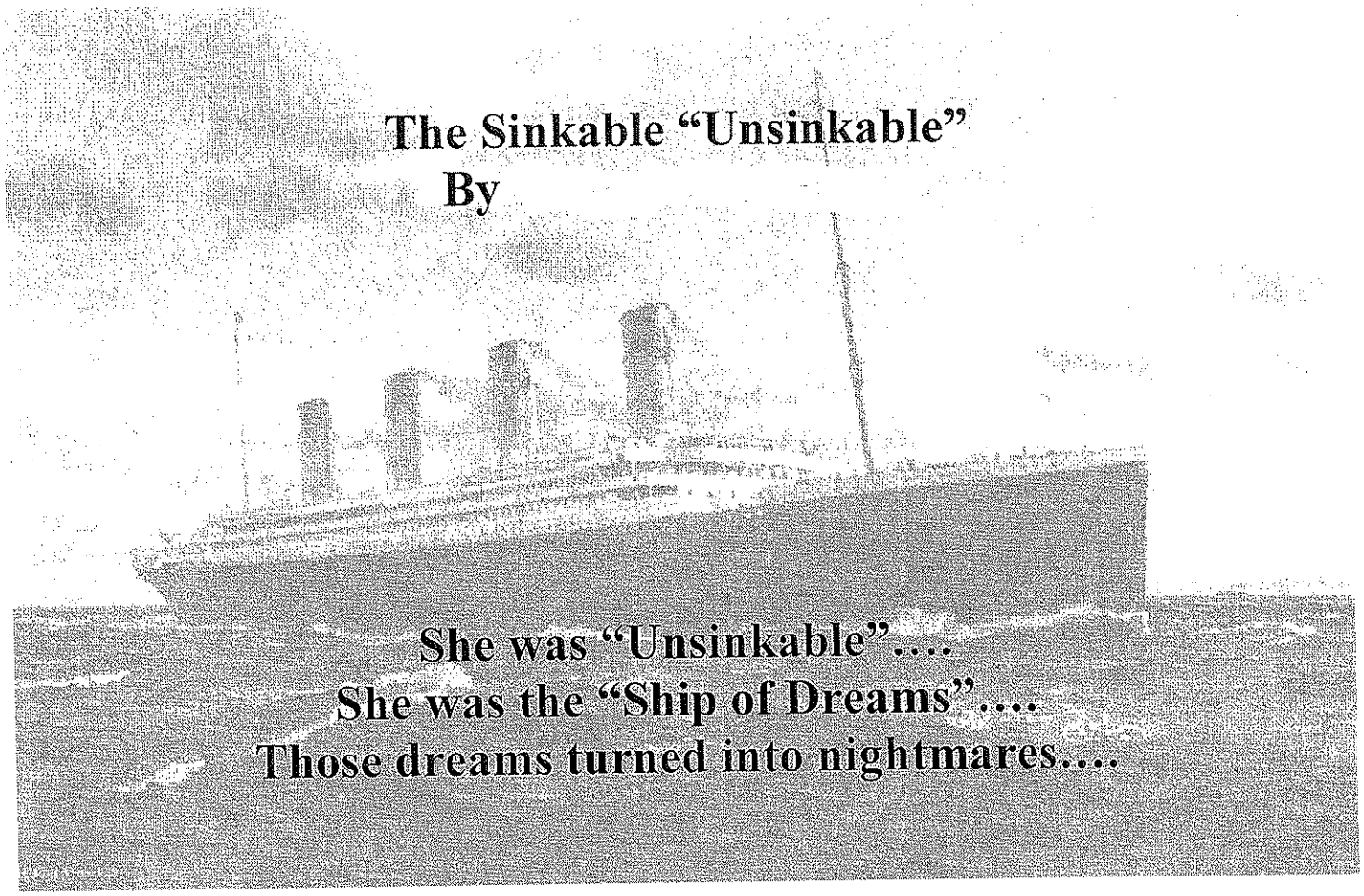

The Sinkable "Unsinkable"

By

She was "Unsinkable"....
She was the "Ship of Dreams"....
Those dreams turned into nightmares....

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Dear Reader,

I would like to take you on a tour about the *RMS Titanic* Tragedy of 1914. It was a night that shook the hearts of many British, American, and Canadian families and regular citizens in general.

The White Star Line, a British company, built the three ships; *The Titanic, The Britanic,* and *The Olympic.* The *Titanic,* supposedly the most luxurious was deemed the "Ship of Dreams". Due to her structure, namely her sixteen watertight compartments that made up the hull of the ship, she was considered "unsinkable" by the press. If only they knew how wrong they were.

April 14, 1912 the tragedy took place. After receiving several iceberg warnings the *Titanic* struck a hidden block of ice. The sinking began at the moment of impact. The ship's watertight bulkhead compartments failed, due to the first six having been damaged from the collision, and the *Titanic* could only stay afloat if only four of her compartments were flooded, no more. With a little less than three hours the "unsinkable" ship was gone.

Of the 2,227 passengers and crew only 705 survived because the *Titanic* didn't have the proper number of lifeboats to save all her passengers. Out of total first class 199 of 329 survived. 166 of the 285 second class lived. Out of the 710 third class only 174 lived. Only 214 of the 899 crew made it that night. That fateful night 53 children lost their lives.

So, come with me as we discover the reasons, meet the people, and feel the impact of that tragic night.

"The Ship of Dreams"

The *RMS Titanic,* the ship of dreams. Not even a year since she was completely she made headlines around the world. She measured 882½ feet 6 inches long, 175 feet from keel to stack, and 92 feet wide, 11 stories high. Her weight was 46+ tons and she boasted four smoke stacks.

The *Titanic* had 28 fully decorated first-class suites; the staterooms having running water and each passenger could also enjoy electric lighting and heat.

The luxuries she had and was famed for were the first many had ever seen on a ship: four electric elevators, an indoor squash court, a heated swimming pool, two libraries, four restaurants, three galleys, gymnasium, a fully equipped darkroom, and fully staffed medical bay, with an operating room. The staircase was crafted with gold and crystal lighting, making it one of the most popular aspects about the ship.

The *Titanic* was powered to go 24 knots, and was powered by: 29 coil stoked boilers; each three stories high, two reciprocating four-cylinder direct drive inverted steam engines, one low-pressure parsons turbine, three propellers, and she had two anchors. Not to mention the famous 16 watertight bulkhead compartments the were supposed to make the *Titanic* "unsinkable."

Madeline Astor- First Class

April 14, 1912

Dear Diary,

Today has been wonderful, lunch was splendid. I enjoyed fillets of brill, baked jacket potatoes, and apple meringue. Oh, this ship is so wonderful! I went for a swim in the pool earlier, the water was surprisingly warm!

Before I retired for awhile I stopped in the library a floating library. Can you believe it? Being first class I know others cannot enjoy in the wonderful commendations that I have enjoyed today, but I cannot not help but feel higher in stature than the other passengers.

John says it is the grandness of the ship affecting my young mind. John has also enjoyed our privileges, for he reclined in the bar for an hour or so before we went on deck for a little bit of air. If only mother and father could see us!

-Madeline Astor

Catherine Barbara - Third Class

Dear Journal,

This is the first time I've written about my trip aboard the *Titanic*. I asked on if the crew for a scrap of paper so that I may write about my journey.

The quarters that I've been given are quite snug but comfortable. I share a room with about three other girls my age. Compared to home this small cabin is a castle. I have one of the 222 cabins used to house the 700 plus third class.

We are not allowed to mingle with the first class and rarely with the second class, so we do not share the luxuries. We do however, have heat, electric and fresh water basins which was rare back at home.

I hear that the first class can enjoy a heated pool and large dining rooms and staterooms. I am envious, but I did not have near the amount of money I would have needed for a first class ticket, I barely had enough for the ticket I need to board.

I do miss mother and father, I wish they could've joined me in the crossing but they wanted to stay while they sent me to a new life in America.

-Catherine Babara

That Fateful Night

April 14, 1912

11:40 PM - The *Titanic* collides with iceberg.

April 15, 1912

12:00 AM - The water-tight compartments filling.

- Water starts to spill over bulkheads.

12:15 AM - 12:17 AM - The *Titanic* sends out distress signals.

12:25 AM - Order given by Captain Smith to load the lifeboats.

12:45 AM - First lifeboat (#7) launched with less than half capacity.

- First rocket fired.

1:20 AM - Bow starts to pitch forward.

-Water floods through anchor holes.

2:00 AM - Propellers lift out of the water.

2:05 AM - Last lifeboat (Collapsible D) lowered.

2:10 AM - Last wireless signal sent.

- Water below the promenade deck.
- Ship tilts 45degress°.

2:12 AM - Stern rises out of the water.

2:17 AM - Ship begins to go under.

2:18 AM - Stern is almost vertical.

- Lights fail.
- Ship splits between the third and forth funnel.

2:20 AM - Stern goes under.

- Ship founders.

2:29 AM - Bow hits ocean floor.

2:56 AM - Stern hits ocean floor.

Recipe for Disaster

You will need:
1 newly built Titanic
1 large ice field
1 big iceberg
1 ignorant captain
2,227 semi-panicked people
20 lifeboats
The Atlantic Ocean (Freezing cold)
Several ice warnings

Directions:
Place the newly built Titanic in the freezing Atlantic Ocean, allow ocean to settle.
Now sprinkle one large ice field in front of titanic.
Place 1 large iceberg in Titanic's path.
Allow everything to settle.
Place one ignorant captain onboard the titanic and put ice warnings in the trash.
Watch as the titanic hits iceberg.
Dash the ship with 2,227 semi-panicked people
Also place 20 lifeboats divided on the ship deck.
Let the panicked people and 20 lifeboats settle.
Watch as 705 semi-panicked people get on said lifeboats.
Watch as over 1,000 people freeze.
Enjoy your disaster.

Survivor and Victim

Survivor	VICTIM
It was so cold that night.	IT WAS SO COLD THAT NIGHT
I was a first class passenger.	I WAS A THIRD CLASS PASSENGER
I made it to the lifeboats.	I WAS TRAPPED BELOW, TRYING TO FIND THE LIFEBOATS
I barely managed to get Into boat #9.	I FINALLY MADE IT TO THE BOAT DECK
I watched with horror	I WATCHED WITH HORROR
as I saw how many were left.	AS I WAS LEFT BEHIND
I was somewhat warm and dry.	I WAS WET AND FREEZING
We drifted for hours.	WE DRIFTED FOR HOURS
The savior ship came for me.	THE SAVIOR SHIP WENT PAST ME
I was saved that day.	I DIED THAT DAY.

The Silent Lurker: Tragedy

Tragedy, she lurks behind every corner, every success/ She causes the most unexpected things to come crashing down. Her sister, Misery, often accompanies her when she must do her job. Many have seen the work of Tragedy; others have felt her touch, most know of one of her most famous works, the sinking of the RMS Titanic. Tragedy took over a thousand lives with her that night, for she had hidden herself away in the iceberg that caused the misfortune. Tragedy, she lurks everywhere, wherever there is a success, you will be sure to find her, waiting in the shadows, waiting for her moment to strike.

THE UNWELCOME VISITOR: DEATH

THE DARK, IT'S WHERE DEATH LURKS. HER COLD HUNGRY BLACK EYES GLEAMING. SHE WATCHES FORM THE SHADOWS, DARKNESS BEING HER ACCOMPLICE IN HER ACTS. SHE GREEDILY TAKE WIVES, HUSBANDS, CHILDREN FROM THE ONES WHO LOVE THEM AND WATCHED WITH PLEASURE AT THE PAIN SHE CAUSES. DEATH LOVES HER JOB. WITHOUT DEATH PAIN, MISERY, GRIEF, AND DARKNESS WOULD LIKELY BE OUT OF JOBS.

HER FAVORITE NIGHT WAS APRIL 14-15 1912. OH HOW SHE SAVORED THAT NIGHT. SHE TOOK OVER ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE WITH HER, SHE KISSED THEM ALL, THE WEALTHY JOHN ASTOR AND MOST OF THE THIRD CLASS. THAT WAS A GLORIOUS NIGHT FOR DEATH AD HER COMPANIONS. 705 ESCAPED HER TOUCH THAT NIGHT, FOR THAT SHE WILL NEVER FORGIVE THEM BUT SHE STILL VISITS THE WRECK SITE, A TRIBUTE TO HER GREATEST NIGHT.

DEATH WATCHES EVERYONE, ALL THE TIME. YOUNG CHILDREN IN THEIR BEDS, OLD COUPLES STROLLING THROUGH THE PARK WAITING UNTIL THE TIME SHE CAN GIVE THEM HER FATAL KISS. THIS COLD DARK SIREN HIDING IN THE SHADOWS.

What the World Felt

Sadness

Hope

Despair

Anger

Loss

Shock

End Notes

- Cover

I watermarked a picture of the *Titanic* in the background then added the captions to add a "hook" that could possibly reel a reader in to read my report.

-The Ship of Dream

This was basically a character sketch of the *Titanic* since she was the main issue of my report. It gives her dimensions and many facts about her.

- Madeline Astor- First Class

A diary entry done in the point of view of Madeline Astor the nineteen pregnant wife of the wealthy John Astor. It describes the privileges of the upper class during the voyage. As compared to the lower class. Madeline survived the sinking of the *Titanic* but her husband did not.

-Catherine Barbara

A journal entry by Catherine Barbara. I couldn't find much information on her so I improvised by mostly telling the life on board the *Titanic* for a third class passenger. Catherine died the night of the sinking.

-That Fateful Night

A timeline describing what happened the night the ship struck the iceberg from the point of impact to the time the stern hit the ocean floor. I would've included the lifeboat release timeline but I wanted to focus on the main events happening during the sinking.

-Survivor and Victim

A juxta-postion of a first class survivor and a third class victim to show how the social class had a part in the loss of life. It shows the struggles both made trying to make it to the lifeboats and how they either lived or died that night.

-The Silent Lurker: Tragedy

This piece tells of the tragedy in the point of view of the said feeling. I included facts about the night the *Titanic* sunk to interest readers and to show how Tragedy had a part to play in the disaster. After the style of J. Ruth Gendler in The Book of Qualities. I thank you. no, I thank you!

-The Unwelcome Visitor: Death

Also in the style of J. Ruth Gendler, Death is described as a cold dark person who loves to take away the life of others, which is in a way true. The facts about the *Titanic* in this piece help try it in with
the rest of my paper and it was a major factor related to the disaster.

-What the World Felt

A simple six-word autobiography on what the world felt when the news of the *Titanic* was heard. I hand wrote the word so they would have more meaning and show what most people felt the day they discovered what happened to the famed "Ship of Dreams".